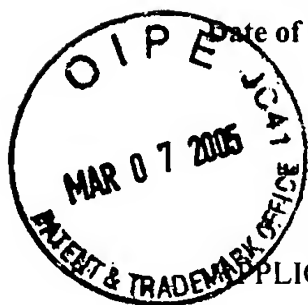


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the October 6, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension, the response is due on or before March 7, 2005 (March 6, 2005 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$225.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 29326-014 NATL). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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